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Washington, D. C. 20505

25 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State

Secretary of Defense

Secretary of the Treasury Secretary of Commerce

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

I asked for the attached memorandum on how the decline in oil prices could create an opportunity for greater US leverage and influence around the world.

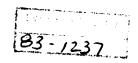
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Attachment:

"An Oil Price Drop and US Leverage"



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates

Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Oil Price Declines and US Leverage

1. Action: None; for information only.

2. <u>Background</u>: The attached report was prepared in response to your question earlier this week on what an oil price decline might mean for US leverage/influence. As the paper indicates, it could open up a number of opportunities for us, especially because of the financial constraints an oil price decline will impose on the Soviet Union.

Robert M. Gates

Attachment: As Stated

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